

# The Tripod

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The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the Trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship, commitments and support.

## From the past...

*Iditarod Pioneer* November 23, 1912

### IDITAROD OUTPUT WILL TAKE PREMIER POSITION NEXT YEAR

Returns from Fairbanks indicate that the output of gold from placer and quartz mines in that district will be some half a million dollars less this year than was the case in 1911. While the placer output will no doubt continue to decline from now on, it is hoped and believed the output from quartz mines in future seasons will more than compensate for the loss.



THE BIG GOLD MINES AT HEAD OF FLAT CREEK - IDITAROD, ALASKA 1911 - SIMONS

As in past years, the banner creek of the season was Goldstream, which produced about \$800,000, with Esther and its tributary, Eva creek, making a good second with about \$750,000, Dome produced \$600,000, Cleary \$375,000, Fairbanks \$300,000, Pedro and Chatanika \$250,000 each, the other creeks much smaller amounts.

The total output so far accounted for in the district is very little ahead of that from Iditarod, and when the returns are all in, it is not likely that the difference will exceed 15%. While we naturally are sorry to see the decline of the Tanana district as a placer camp, it must give us a certain amount of satisfaction to see Iditarod forging ahead to first place, which it undoubtedly will attain next year. The following gives the output of various interior camps to date: Iditarod, estimated \$3,250,000, Fairbanks district \$3,894,991, Hot Springs \$500,000, Gold Mountain \$40,000, Bonnifield \$25,000, Kantishna \$10,000.



**Use survey of first mile of the Iditarod National Historic Trail in Seward 2022**

Adults, teens and children	June 19-25 1-1:30 pm	June 26-July 2 5-5:30 pm	July 3-9 3-3:30 pm	July 10-17 7-7:30 pm	Total
Walking	285	312	318	327	1242
Biking	38	58	49	26	171
Running	7	11	6	11	35
On scooters	3		3	1	7
Skateboarding	1	1	3	5	10
Roller skates		1			1
In wheelchair	2		1		3
<b>Total</b>	336	383	380	370	1469
Dogs being walked	15	19	17	10	61

The annual Seward traffic survey on the first mile of the Iditarod National Historic Trail along Resurrection Bay started June 19 and ended on July 17. The survey was conducted at about mile 0.5 of the Trail.

People and dogs on the Trail were counted at the same time each day for a week.



The busiest day was Sunday July 3, from 3-3:30 p.m. It was partly cloudy with a light south wind. The total on the Trail that day was 141:109 walking, 24 biking, 1 skateboarder, 3 on scooters, 3 running and one man in a wheelchair. There were also 13 dogs being walked.

The least number on the Trail was on July 7, 3-3:30 p.m. It was an overcast day with light rain. The total was 16 walking, with one dog being walked.

**Alaska's Digital Archives**

Alaska Digital Archives presents a wealth of historical photographs, albums, oral histories, moving images, maps, documents and other materials from archives, museums and libraries throughout the state.

It is easy to search the archives, just go to [vilda.alaska.edu](http://vilda.alaska.edu) and enter a subject in the search box.

There are excellent pictures available of early Iditarod and Flat.

WALKING IS THE FAVORITE SPORT OF THE GOOD AND WISE. A. L. Rowse

